

# Stephens City Newsletter

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## Newtown Heritage Festival May 21-May 24, 2009

Join us for the 17th Annual Newtown Heritage Festival May 21st, 23rd, and 24th. This year's festival follows the Town's 250th celebration of 2008 but it will not be lacking in fun and events to take in.



Featured entertainment kicks off Thursday evening on the 21st with the Sherando High School Band in concert at the Newtown Commons on Main Street. The concert begins at 6:00pm.

On Saturday, May 24th the Robert E. Aylor Middle School Jazz Band will play from noon until 2:00pm or just before the annual Newtown Heritage Festival Parade begins at 2:00pm.



After the parade, Bluegrass will cover the Commons until 5:00pm with Ernie Bradley and the Grassy Ridge Band and the Stony Creek Band.

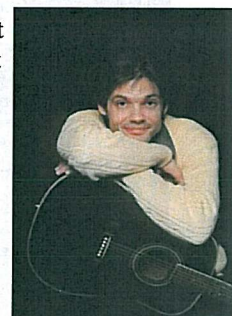


Come join in Saturday's festivities where you can listen to free music, take in the craft show, artisan demonstrations, eat

kettle corn, ice cream and all other kinds of good food. There will be free children's entertainment, wagon rides along Main Street with planned stops along the route at special exhibits and points of local interest in the Town's Historic District.

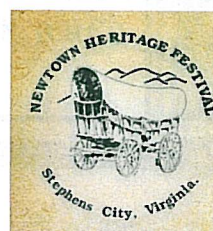
Bluegrass music will continue at 7:00pm until just before FIREWORKS are set off at dark. If you liked last year's display, you will not be disappointed with the show this year.

Sunday afternoon entertainment begins at 1:00pm on the Newtown Stage with music by the gospel quartet Inner Harbor. Afterwards Robbie Limon a very popular & versatile performer will provide some of the best Rock and Country sounds mix around.



The day and festival ends at with Robbie Limon's performance around 5:00pm. The Newtown Heritage Festival could not be held without your support and the efforts of the local

businesses. Please plan to attend at least some of the festival activities this year. Take the opportunity to see old friends, meet new ones and for folks newer to Town to learn a little more about the place you call home!





## Upcoming Public Hearings

**TOWN COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, May 5, 2009  
at 7:30

Proposed Budget for  
Fiscal Year '09-'10

Capital  
Improvements Plan  
'09-'10

Official Town Zoning  
Map

Russell-Stephens City  
Rezoning

Davis Property  
Rezoning

PUT IT ON YOUR  
CALENDARS!

## THE NEWTOWN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

May 23rd-24th

For more information  
visit:

[www.newtownheritagefestival.org](http://www.newtownheritagefestival.org)

## TOWN NOTICE

### Tampering with Town Water Meters

It is illegal for anyone; this includes property owners, tenants, plumbers or contractors to open a water meter box without permission by the Town Office.

There are liability and safety issues and the Town has installed many sensitive and expensive radio transmission water meters at many locations which could be damaged.

All property owners and tenants should be familiar with the location of the cut off valve for the water lines into each home or place of business and not rely on the water meter valve. These individual valves should be checked to see if they work and if not, they should be replaced. If the valve to the property needs to be replaced, the water meter valve will have to be shut off. In that case, it will be necessary to make arrangements with the Town to have the meter turned off.

Anyone found in violation of this regulation is subject to paying a fine and any damages that may have occurred.

*Mike Kehoe*  
*Town Manager*

## Personal Property Tax Notice

2009 Personal Property and Real Estate Taxes will be mailed soon. When you receive your bills, be sure to look for previous balances due and include them in your payment. You can pay on-line through the Town website. Remember that the DMV stops will be based on payment of personal property taxes and will include all back taxes.

## Yard Waste Site

The Town's yard waste site is for leaves, brush, and garden waste only. **IT IS NOT A LANDFILL!** Persons caught dumping anything other than leaves, brush, and garden waste will be charged with illegal dumping which is punishable by law. If these rules are abused, the Town may be forced to close the site. Citizens of the Town are now required to stop at the Town Office and sign out a key for the site.

Sincerely, Town Administration

## NEWTOWN LOCAL MARKET

Season opening during  
NEWTOWN HERITAGE FESTIVAL  
Thursday, May 21st- Friday, May 22nd  
4:00pm - 7:00pm  
Saturday, May 23rd - 8:00am- 4:00pm  
Sunday, May 24th - 10:00am - 4:00pm

Locally grown produce, locally raised meats and handmade crafts.

Local vendor information:  
Contact Angela Mohr (540- 869-8529)  
or [tenoak@comcast.net](mailto:tenoak@comcast.net)  
or  
Kate Fravel (540-869-4994)

# Water and Sewer Billing

Water and sewer bills for the bi-monthly billing end

**Wednesday, June 3, 2009** and are due upon receipt.

After **June 3, 2009** a **10% penalty** will be added. On **Tuesday, June 9, 2009** service will be discontinued for delinquency. A reconnect fee of **\$25** plus the full

amount of the bill must be paid before service can be restored.

Just a reminder that for your convenience a night drop is available at the Town Office for dropping off check or money order payments and payments can now be made online at the Town's website. Only Water/ Sewer bills can be paid using a Visa

or MasterCard! If you pay a bill online after the due date, you will still be responsible for the 10% penalty and if the bill is paid after the shut off date, the \$25 reconnect fee will need to be paid as well, prior to reconnection.

**Do not put cash in the drop box!**

## The Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010

### PROPOSED BUDGET and NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING for THE TOWN OF STEPHENS CITY, VIRGINIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING June 30, 2010

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 5, 2009 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE STEPHENS CITY TOWN OFFICE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. DETAILED LINE ITEM BUDGETS ARE AVAILABLE AND MAY BE REVIEWED IN THE TOWN OFFICE, 1033 LOCUST STREET, STEPHENS CITY DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.

#### PROPOSED TAX RATE

Real Estate	\$ 0.076 per \$100.00	
Personal Property	\$ .73 per \$100.00	Qualified Vehicles
Business Equipment	\$ 1.00 per \$100.00	
Contract Carrier	\$ .50 per \$100.00	
Machinery & Tools	\$ .50 per \$100.00	
Mobile Home	\$ 0.076 per \$100.00	
BPOL		
Retail	\$ .15 per \$100.00	
Contractor	\$ .15 per \$100.00	
Business Services	\$ .15 per \$100.00	
Wholesale	\$ .05 per \$100.00	
Decals	\$ 25.00	

#### GENERAL FUND

<b>REVENUE:</b>	
General Property Taxes	\$ 220,500.00
Other Local Tax & Consumer Tax	\$ 165,500.00
Permit, Privilege Fees & Regulatory Licenses	\$ 105,000.00
Fines & Forfeitures	\$ 18,300.00
Revenue From Use of Money and Property	\$ 11,200.00
Zoning & Land Use Fees	\$ 1,900.00
State Funds - Franchise & Utility Taxes	\$ 74,800.00
State Funds - Revenues & Grants	\$ 228,000.00
Total Revenue	\$ 829,200.00

#### EXPENDITURES:

Administration	\$ 141,900.00
Public Safety	\$ 294,800.00
Public Works	\$ 193,900.00
Planning and Development	\$ 86,700.00
Parks and Recreation	\$ 16,600.00
Transfers to Other Funds	\$ 86,000.00
Insurance	\$ 8,500.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 829,200.00

#### UTILITIES FUND

##### REVENUE:

Charges for Services	\$ 470,000.00
Revenue From Use of Money and Property	\$ 21,900.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 14,400.00
Availability Fees	\$ 217,600.00
Total Revenue	\$ 723,900.00

##### EXPENDITURES:

Administration	\$ 165,700.00
Water Services	\$ 103,300.00
Sewer Services	\$ 152,800.00
Insurance	\$ 8,500.00
Transfer to CIP	\$ 155,300.00
Transfer to reserves	\$ 95,200.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 723,900.00

#### GOVERNMENTAL CIP FUNDS

<b>PUBLIC WORKS:</b>	\$ 10,000.00
<b>TOWN ADMINISTRATION:</b>	\$ 40,000.00
<b>PARKS AND RECREATION:</b>	\$ 60,000.00
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	\$ 25,000.00
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	\$ 5,000.00
<b>2008-09 Carry-Over</b>	\$ 47,700.00

#### 2009-10 ENTERPRISE CIP FUND

Water Line Replacement	\$ 85,000.00
Sewer System Expansion	\$ 40,000.00
1 & 1 Repairs	\$ 10,000.00
FCSA Debt Service	\$ 425,300.00
Equipment	\$ 13,300.00
<b>Total 2008-09 Carry-Over</b>	\$ 817,500.00

# Town Calendar of Events

## MAY



- May 1 **Town Office Closed for Apple Blossom**
- May 5 **TOWN COUNCIL at 7:30p.m.**
- May 7 Dr. Peter B. Stickley Meeting at 7:30p.m.
- May 11 Personnel Committee meeting at 5:00pm
- May 19 Historic Preservation Committee at 5:00pm
- May 21 Water/ Sewer meeting at 9:00 am  
Public Works meeting at 9:30 am  
**Newtown Heritage Festival Thursday - May 21**  
**May 23rd - May 24**
- May 25 Parks & Recreation Commission at 7:30pm
- May 25 Planning Commission at 7:30pm
- May 27 Finance Committee at 5:00pm



*\* All meetings subject to change without notice w/ the exception of the Town Council meeting.*

## JUNE

- June 2 **Town Council Meeting at 7:30pm.**
- June 3 **Water/ Sewer Bills Due without penalty**
- June 4 Dr. Peter B. Stickley Meeting at 7:30p.m.  
**Penalties added to Water/Sewer Bills**
- June 8 Personnel Committee at 5:00pm
- June 9 **Water Shut Off Date**
- June 16 Historic Preservation Committee at 5:00pm
- June 18 Water/ Sewer Meeting at 9:00am  
Public Works Meeting at 9:30am  
Newtown Heritage Festival at 7:00pm
- June 22 Parks & Recreation Commission at 7:30pm
- June 24 Finance Committee at 5:00pm
- June 30 **Planning Commission at 7:30pm**



We're on the web!  
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## The Business Spotlight!

*The Businesses of the Stephens City Business Association recently held there third networking social and meeting at Blue Mountain Martial Arts. At this meeting and networking social the Business Association set forth plans to sponsor a Bike Parade Contest in the Newtown Heritage Festival Parade. They will also be sponsoring a end of the Summer Business Expo/ Chili Cook-off. The association elected Mrs. Michella Orndorff of Stephens City Insurance Agency and Dusty Harman, Manager of the Sherwin-Williams. The Stephens City Business Association is moving forward and looking to continue the success we have experienced with the Hop in at the Commons and would like to remind you, shop locally, it's all right here!*

*We look forward to seeing you!*

